

New Hanover County and
City of Wilmington

Parks & Greenspace Bond Projects

Total Bond Issue

■ City Projects	\$13,600,000
■ County Projects	13,800,000
■ Joint Projects	7,500,000
■ Beach Towns	<u>600,000</u>

Total Bond Amount	\$35,500,000
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- Passage of this bond will result in several park and greenspace improvements.
 - New park land acquisition and development
 - Renovation of existing park facilities
 - Water access developments
 - Library and museum expansion planning



Current Status of our Parks

- City maintains almost 500 acres in 56 public park spaces
- City has almost doubled in size with the 1995 and 1998 annexation areas, from 32 square miles to 52 square miles
- City has built one park in 30 years
- Average 21.5 acres of parks per 1000 residents in five other NC benchmark cities
- State benchmark for parks (2000) is 24.5 acres per 1000 residents.
- Wilmington parks amount to 7.5 acres per 1000 residents (30% of State Benchmark)

- These figures indicate that the City lags behind the national average in park space per person.
- Studies conducted for the new parks master plan demonstrate a need to buy now.
 - Space available for parks is decreasing while prices are increasing

Parks and Greenspace Bond Referendum Summary

Bond Projects

City Projects

■ ADA Improvements	\$600,000
■ Alderman Park	200,000
■ Annexation Area Parks	2,500,000
■ Downtown Parks	1,000,000
■ Greenfield Park Amphitheater	500,000
■ Love Grove Park	400,000
■ Maides Park	900,000
■ Martin Luther King Center	600,000
■ Natatorium	700,000
■ Northside Splash Pool	400,000
■ Bike/Greenway System	1,000,000
■ Park Land Purchase	4,700,000
■ 10 th & Fanning Sts. Complex	<u>100,000</u>
CITY TOTAL	\$13,600,000

County Projects

■ Veterans Park Completion	\$2,500,000
■ Battle Park	1,000,000
■ Arrowhead Park	1,000,000
■ Wrightsboro Park	500,000
■ Ogden Park	500,000
■ Parkwood Rec. Area	500,000
■ Monterey Heights	250,000
■ Northern Park	5,000,000
■ Planning & Design	500,000
■ Water Access	1,000,000
■ County Library	500,000
■ Cape Fear Museum	<u>500,000</u>
COUNTY TOTAL	\$13,800,000

Joint City/County Projects

	City Cost	County Cost	Total Cost
■ Softball/Baseball Complex	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000
■ Public Tennis Center	<u>850,000</u>	<u>650,000</u>	<u>1,500,00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,850,000	\$3,650,000	\$7,500,000

County Contributions to Beach Towns

■ Carolina Beach	\$200,000
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■ Kure Beach	200,000
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■ Wrightsville Beach	<u>200,000</u>
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